

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6. (Canceled).

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) Clamping piece according to claim 8 wherein the spring bottom is arched in form.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) Clamping piece of springy sheet metal comprising:

two opposing arms, each arm having a generally V-shaped latching recess of such depth that when the clamping piece is in a latched position within an opening in a panel each said ~~arms~~ recess encompasses a respective edge ~~edges~~ of the panel opening;

a spring bottom connecting said opposing arms, said spring bottom having in its middle a hole for receiving a screw for securing a component to the panel from a side of the panel distant from the spring bottom; and

opposing support lobes each having a length along said spring bottom that is shorter than a distance between said latching recesses, each said support lobe ~~and~~ extending between the arms from said spring bottom in a direction of toward said component

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when the clamping piece is secured in the panel such that when pressure is applied to the spring bottom by the screw said support lobes extend ~~between said arms and~~ through the panel opening in the direction of the component to abut the component and thereby maintain a minimum distance between the component and said spring bottom.

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